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SUBJECT: ROC ATTENDANCE AT NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE

REFS: (A) STATE 938; (B) GENEVA 762 (NOTAL); (C) STATE
32474 (NOTAL); (D) GENEVA 1019 (NOTAL)

1. AS REPORTED REF A, ROC FORMALLY REQUESTED OUR SUPPORT
FOR ITS ATTENDANCE AT NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR
MAY 5 IN GENEVA. DEPARTMENT HAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED
THIS REQUEST AND INFORMAL SOUNDINGS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AT
THIRD PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH CONCLUDED
FEBRUARY 14. AS A RESULT OF THESE SOUNDINGS, WE BELIEVE
THAT ROC ATTEMPT TO ATTEND REVIEW CONFERENCE SESSIONS
WOULD HAVE DIVISIVE EFFECT ON CONFERENCE ITSELF AND

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WOULD BE DOOMED TO FAILURE FROM OUTSET. WE HAVE THERE-

FORE CONCLUDED THAT OUR INTERESTS AND THOSE OF ROC ARE BEST SERVED IF ROC CHOOSES NOT TO ATTEND.

2. DRAWING ON POINTS PRESENTED BELOW, YOU SHOULD CONVEY THIS POSITION TO ROC AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL. (FYI. ROC REQUEST FOR SUPPORT WAS MADE AT A LOW LEVEL. IF EMBASSY SEES ANY ADVANTAGE WE WILL MAKE PARALLEL PRESENTATION TO ROC EMBASSY):

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-- INFORMAL AND EXTENSIVE SOUNDINGS ON ROC BEHALF AT RECENTLY CONCLUDED REVIEW CONFERENCE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE SESSIONS INDICATE VIRTUALLY NO SUPPORT FOR ROC ATTENDANCE;

-- WE ARE CONVINCED THAT EVEN WITH OUR SUPPORT, ROC ATTEMPT TO ATTEND CONFERENCE WOULD BE CHALLENGED IMMEDIATELY AND THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO POSSIBILITY THEIR ATTENDANCE WOULD BE PERMITTED;

-- WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT ROC ATTEMPT TO ATTEND REVIEW CONFERENCE SESSIONS IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO LEAD TO HARMFUL REBUFF;

-- WE HAVE THUS RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST IF ROC DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND REVIEW CONFERENCE;

-- IT IS LIKELY THAT OTHER PARTIES TO NPT WILL NOT ATTEND CONFERENCE SO THAT ROC ABSENCE WOULD NOT BE UNIQUE NOR WOULD IT PREJUDICE ROC'S STANDING AS A PARTY TO THE TREATY TO WHICH WE ATTACH DEEP SIGNIFICANCE;

-- WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THE ROC FULLY INFORMED OF CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS AND PROVIDE IT WITH CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS.

3. SHOULD ROC ASK IF US SUPPORT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IF IT PERSISTS IN ATTENDING, YOU SHOULD REPLY THAT YOU ARE WITHOUT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POINT. (FYI. IN THAT EVENT, WE WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT ROC ATTENDANCE

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AT CONFERENCE ON BASIS ITS STATUS AS PARTY TO NPT, BUT IT IS UNLIKELY WE WOULD UNDERTAKE PRE-CONFERENCE DEMARCHES OR CONFERENCE LOBBYING. END FYI)

4. YOUR REPORT OF THE ROC RESPONSE SHOULD INCLUDE GENEVA AS AN INFO ADDRESSEE. REFS B, C, AND D ARE BEING SENT SEPTELS. KISSINGER

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